

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

PHL Variable Insurance Company

Plaintiff,

v.

Continental Casualty Company, et al.

Defendants.

Case No. 4:19-cv-06799-DMR

CONSENT OR DECLINATION
TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE
JURISDICTION

INSTRUCTIONS: Please indicate below by checking **one** of the two boxes whether you (if you are the party) or the party you represent (if you are an attorney in the case) choose(s) to consent or decline magistrate judge jurisdiction in this matter. Sign this form below your selection.

☐ **Consent to Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction**

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), I voluntarily **consent** to have a United States magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings in this case, including trial and entry of final judgment. I understand that appeal from the judgment shall be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

OR

☒ **Decline Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction**

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), I **decline** to have a United States magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings in this case and I hereby request that this case be reassigned to a United States district judge.

DATE: October 28, 2019

NAME: Edward J. Tafe

COUNSEL FOR

(OR "PRO SE"): Continental Casualty Company

/s/ Edward J. Tafe

Signature